



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Hillcrest High School  
GREENVILLE COUNTY  
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 2,078  
Principal: Stephen Chamness  
Superintendent: Mr. Burke Royster  
Board Chair: Mr. Chuck Saylor

PERFORMANCE		Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on <a href="http://www.ed.sc.gov">www.ed.sc.gov</a> and <a href="http://www.eoc.sc.gov">www.eoc.sc.gov</a> as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.					
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM		
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator	
2014	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	A	N/A	
2013	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	N/A	C	N/A	
2012	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A	

ABSOLUTE RATING OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*				
EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
24	4	0	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS				
	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
Passed 2 subtests (%)	81.0%	83.8%	86.1%	83.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	14.0%	11.9%	9.4%	11.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.0%	4.3%	5.0%	5.6%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2014		
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	92.1%	95.4%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE		
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	526	341
Number of diplomas	432	286
Rate (%)	82.1%	85.1%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014		
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	81.7%	85.6%
English 1	83.8%	76.2%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	87.8%	85.0%
US History and the Constitution	79.2%	72.3%
All Tests	83.2%	80.4%



**SC PERFORMANCE VISION**

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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GREENVILLE COUNTY  
SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n = 2,078)				
Retention Rate	2.2%	Down from 4.2%	2.0%	3.0%
Attendance Rate	94.3%	Up from 92.9%	96.3%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	25.6%	Up from 18.7%	27.1%	17.7%
With disabilities	9.3%	Down from 9.7%	9.8%	11.5%
Older than usual for grade	5.3%	Down from 6.6%	5.7%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	No change	0.9%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	40.4%	Up from 35.4%	24.5%	15.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	39.6%	Down from 46.0%	54.2%	52.8%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	37.4%	Down from 60.8%	33.5%	30.6%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	18.7%	Up from 13.9%	6.4%	5.3%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1174	Down from 1211	786	423
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	90.7%	Up from 89.4%	86.1%	84.5%
Annual dropout rate	2.0%	Down from 3.2%	2.0%	2.1%
Teachers (n = 107)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.4%	Up from 64.4%	64.9%	64.3%
Continuing contract teachers	78.5%	Down from 88.5%	78.5%	77.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.2%	No change	86.8%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 95.1%	95.8%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,676	Down 0.4%	\$49,143	\$48,414
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.7%	Down from 2.9%	1.4%	3.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.4 days	Down from 10.0 days	9.8 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 10.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.2 to 1	Down from 31.9 to 1	27.9 to 1	26.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.1%	Up from 87.2%	90.7%	90.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,461	Up 21.1%	\$7,135	\$8,238
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.2%	Up from 60.0%	59.6%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.1%	Up from 61.0%	60.0%	58.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	35.4%	Down from 96.6%	98.8%	98.7%
Character development program	Average	No change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	91.4	Up from 71.1	89.5	84.1

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.  
\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	81	259	25
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.1%	62.5%	76.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	84.8%	63.8%	61.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	73.2%	78.3%	65.3%

\* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL  
IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

For almost sixty years, Hillcrest High School has been a source of pride for the Simpsonville-Fountain Inn Community. Hillcrest is proud of its students and faculty and their accomplishments. Hillcrest High teachers are highly qualified in their subject area. Many of our teachers hold masters degrees, masters plus thirty, as well as additional degree certifications such as National Board, Advanced Placement, and Gifted and Talented. The quality of teachers at Hillcrest is shown in the increase of scores in 2012-13 Algebra I, Biology I, English I and US History End-of-Course passing rates. Algebra I, Biology I, and English I passage rates jumped into the high 80 percentages with English being the second highest passage rate in the district. In addition, the graduation rate rose to 79.3%. Hillcrest High School received an Excellent rating for both its Absolute Rating and Growth Rating on the 2013 School Report Card.

Hillcrest offers a continuum of opportunities for its students beginning with the Freshman Academy for first-year ninth grade students. The Academy offers a separate location for all freshmen core classes. For the second time, the Academy held a Freshman Day prior to the start of school. Approximately 400 of our new ninth grade students attended this event making it a great success. They toured the building, met their teachers, heard about clubs and athletic opportunities and even learned cheers. The teachers in the Academy meet regularly to plan activities and monitor the progress of our freshmen.

Hillcrest offers a variety of opportunities for student involvement. Hillcrest has a Speech and Debate program that continuously have district, state and national winners. Hillcrest’s Fine Arts Department is also a leader in our school district. Nine of the eighteen Greenville County School District students chosen for All State Chorus came from Hillcrest High School. Hillcrest also has one of the top athletic programs in the state with 22 varsity and 24 Sub Varsity teams that are consistently some of the top athletic teams in our state. In addition, Hillcrest offers the following clubs to students: Academic Team, Beta Club, Drama Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Freshman Pride and others.

Students at Hillcrest High have opportunities to demonstrate goodwill and leadership. Once again, our student body in partnership with the community raised nearly \$78,000 in one week in support of the Neuro Center of the Greenville Hospital System. Students are also active in other charities such as hosting food drives and natural disaster relief for various areas in need. The local community strongly supports Hillcrest High School in these endeavors. The Greenhouse Industries program at Hillcrest sponsors plant sales throughout the year, offering student-grown plants and flowers to the public. The program has earned over \$20,000 since its inception and is recognized by the state as an exemplary program.

Our Guidance Department works with students and parents to ensure students’ needs are met and that students are on track for graduation. Counselors meet annually with students to develop and review each student’s Individual Graduation Plan. Through interest assessments, job shadowing, work-site visits, and career speakers, students evaluate their career interests. The Career Development Facilitator provides various